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SUBJ: LAWS OF WAR CONFERENCE DEMARCHE ON WARS
OF NATIONAL LIBERATION

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1. POLOFF PRESENTED US ARGUMENTS FOR DEFERRAL OF FINAL DECISION ON DRAFT ARTICLE ON WARS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL DIVISION FOREIGN MINISTRY, KEIJO KORHONEN. KORHONEN SAID THAT FINNISH DECISION TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF ARTICLE ON MARCH 23 WAS REACHED AT VERY HIGH LEVELS OF FINNISH GOVERNMENT. FINNS WISH, HOWEVER, TO FIND TEXT SATISFACTORY TO BROADEST NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AND REGRETTED LACK OF ADDITIONAL TIME PRIOR TO LAST WEEK'S VOTE. THEY ARE ALSO SOMEWHAT TORN BETWEEN CONFLICTING POSITIONS OF NORWAY AND SWEDEN ON THIS ISSUE.

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2. BOTH OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S EXPERTS ON LAWS OF

WAR CONFERENCE ARE OUT OF THE COUNTRY THIS WEEK,
RICHARD MUELLER BEING AT THE CONFERENCE IN GENEVA.
KORHONEN SAID HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH CURRENT
TACTICAL POSITION IN GENEVA, BUT SAID HE WOULD
COMMUNICATE IMMEDIATELY WITH FINNISH DELEGATION.
WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT FINNISH POSITION CAN
BE REVERSED IN HELSINKI, BUT IF MUELLER WERE TO
RECOMMEND SUPPORT OF US POSITION FOREIGN MINISTRY
MIGHT WELL ACCEPT HIS JUDGEMENT. SUGGEST US
MISSION MAKE PITCH ON OUR POSITION TO MUELLER,
IF IT HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, IN ORDER TO BOLSTER
DEMARCHE HERE IN HELSINKI.
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